

Brethren church, Morrill, Kan,	5 90
" " Auburn, Ill.,	1 45
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" " Mexico, Ind.,	10 78
Offerings, Chicago Mission,	5 14

\$ 45 27

WASHINGTON FUND

A B. Altoona, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
Matilda C. Antram,	5 00
Hugo Paul Wise, Middlebranch,	5 00
Gertie Yoder, Pugh, Pa.,	1 00
Bethany church, Va., per Mrs. Nininger,	2 32
S. S. C. E., Fair Haven, O., per Clara Miller,	5 00
Offerings, Washington church,	40 20

\$ 59 52

TOTAL OFFERINGS

General fund,	\$ 39 75
Chicago fund,	45 27
Washington fund,	59 52

\$ 144 54

Amounts previously reported 856 78

\$ 1001 32

PAYMENTS

Check by Secretary, to Elder J. O. Talley,	\$ 50 00
Cash paid direct " " "	45 27
" " " to " W. M. Lyon,	59 52

Total payments during the month, \$ 154 79
 Payments previously reported, 855 48

Total to January 31st, \$ 1010 27

As the Secretary of the Mission Board, I again thank the friends heartily for their continued support of the work, but at the same time I am impelled to ask for much larger offerings during this and next month, because of extra expenses to be met.

The interest on the mortgage on the Washington church property will be due on April 1st, and their is not a dollar on hand to pay it.

Another item will be the expenses of Elder I. D. Bowman while he conducts a series of meetings in Chicago during part of March and April. I feel confident that many of the friends will be pleased to make contributions for this special purpose. We need to be more aggressive in the "Windy City" so as to hasten the time when we may have a substantial establishment there. This is real mission work brethren let us liberally sustain it J. C. CASSEL.

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Among the Churches

Lakeville, Ind.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he has done marvellous things; his right hand, and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory." My heart rejoices to-day over the wonderful workings of the Holy Spirit. A few days ago, Jesus in some mysterious way, revealed himself unto our deacon's wife. He led her into the Sunday school for the purpose of making a confession, and to bear witness of the power and glory of the Holy Spirit. This sister had long been a professing Christian but it seems that she had not been in communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And so Jesus after revealing these things to her, used her in his hands to pour out a spiritual blessing upon our Sunday school and the effect was soon seen. How we thank God for these spiritual blessings, they are just what we have been praying for. The Lord has been very good to us, and may we all unite in praising his holy name. Last week he sent Brother Braker from South Bend down here to anoint Sister Burns, (who has been very sick, but is recovering) and to preach two sermons for us. The first one was on "Faith" and some how it

helped us all to put our whole trust in God, and to hold fast to his promises. The second one was a very beautiful and practical discourse and I think his theme was "The Building of the Christ Character," as it is given in II Peter 1. He used as an illustration a seven story building, and when he came to the fourth story or "Patience," he seemed "hit me right straight" and I decided to tear that story down and build it over more perfectly. The Lord help me to do so, and then crown the building with the Christ love, and all power, honor and glory be unto him that does so much for us.

EMMA V. HOUSER.

South Bend, Ind.

I detest excuses, hence I will offer none for not writing, but will endeavor to report the work from my field oftener.

It will soon be three months since we left the dear brethren and sisters of the Falls City church and the fair little city and the many dear friends and pleasant associations we had formed there and elsewhere in the Kanemorado District. With a stay of nineteen months there, we had just begun, as we thought, our usefulness, and hoped to be useful to the district, but as it is said "change" is written on the face of all things material, so it is written across the history of the pastorates of our churches too frequently and sometimes arbitrarily. We remember with much pleasure and gratitude the many kindnesses shown us while there and upon our leaving, by many of the church, not least among which was the help and hospitality of Brother Ditch, my successor, and his dear wife. We have come here to South Bend full of hope and trust, altho the field was at first a very discouraging one, as we were much surprised to learn that there had been no services here of any character for five months previous to our coming. We have endeavored to do faithful energetic work, and with the help of the faithful ones here, thank God, we are seeing the fruits in a deeper spirituality. Our Sunday-school is growing rapidly and our congregations are also on the increase. At our watch-night service at the dawning of the new century we adopted as our watch-word, "Forward" and it is having its influence among our people. They have laid hold with a new energy since then and we feel greatly encouraged. We feel very much gratified at the very practical form in which this dear people expressed their appreciation of us and our service here, by presenting us at Christmas time with a gift of eighteen dollars. This is very generous, inasmuch as we had scarcely more than made our initial bow to them. We here heartily express our thanks and trust we may be able to minister to them more abundantly in spiritual things. We were called recently into Brother Summer's field at La Paz, to anoint sister T. J. Burns, from which visit originated an appointment for meetings on the evenings of Jan. 31 and Feb. 2. The latter meeting was very well attended altho it was a very bad night and a smallpox scare prevailing in the neighborhood. I also recently married Miss Carrie Steel, of the Teagarden congregation, to Mr. Miller, of the same place. The above meetings seemed to encourage these "sheep who are without a shepherd" thru the illness of their pastor. They are praying for his speedy recovery, in which I trust we will all earnestly join them.

J. ELLWOOD BRAKER.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

As we promised to give a report of the meeting held at Maple Grove church, Ind., we have this to say, that we expect the corresponding secretary to write a full report and send it to the EVANGELIST for publication, and perhaps he has done so ere this, but I feel that I should write also. Am sorry that the meeting had to close so abruptly, as there were several we think were counting the cost, but the grip laid its claim on the preacher and he could only yield to its claim and go home. Many thanks to the kind hearted brethren and sisters who

rendered me their assistance while among them, surely this class of people know how to care for one who is sick, (or well either for that matter). But the meeting was well attended thru-out, and there were four applicants for baptism, with the church in a good spiritual condition. The church here has had its reverses as many others have had, but I hope and pray that the darkest hour has passed in this history. Brethren take courage, and remember that behind the darkest cloud there is a silver lining, and if you but reconsecrate yourselves on His altar then He will lead you successfully thru all to victory. My heart surely goes out in sympathy for this organization. They have a wide-awake Sunday-school and Young Peoples' Society, both doing good work, yet they have no pastor and this is their greatest need, and I hope and pray that they may be able to secure some one who will administer to their spiritual wants. We arrived home Friday evening, found all well, for which we were grateful. Left home on Saturday morning for Gretna, preached for them only on Sunday morning, feeling that it would be too great a task for me I declined to preach at night, yet it did my very soul good to meet my old appreciative audience again. Came home and am now housed up trying to regain my usual health, but sorry to say that I have with me, complaining also with the grip, my two daughters, Frances and Ruth, but we are all slowly improving. Our meeting here is to be held some time in the future, do not know yet just when. I am trying to prepare my work here for Sunday morning and evening, but it is a task under the present conditions. I am glad that I have an indulgent people to meet with here.

M. S. WHITE.

The Lost Found

I was wondering some time ago what has befallen the little boy that used to bring the plow irons, grubbing hoes, etc., to me to be sharpened when I was engaged in the smithing business in Sandy Creek, Va., now West Va., away back in the early fifties. I took a glance thru the *Annual* but the name of Daniel Harader is not there. I mused, Is he dead, or has he laid down the armor? Now to my great joy he turns up at Nesbitt, Okla., and is not only engaged in preaching but asks for help in the work that seems to be needed among our scattered members in that new country. That is right, Daniel, stick to it and your request will be granted. I believe it was Dr. Franklin or some other wise man who said, "God helps those who help themselves." That is a truism too often overlooked. As an illustration of the fact, look at the condition of our brethren in Pittsburg. They have never, (so far as I know,) asked for a penny from the general brotherhood. They with a commendable spirit of devotion and sacrifice helped themselves from the very beginning of the work by Brother Bole down to the present time and now we are told that, "their new church is nearly completed, and when finished will be one of the handsomest edifices in the brotherhood." While on the other hand many of the places that largely depended on outside help and kept up an almost continuous call have gone to the wall, or will do so if a better system is not developed. We might name some of them, but do not wish to be personal. I believe in God—and I also believe in faithful and steadfast brethren. And what Daniel Bole has done, Daniel Harader may do in a measure at least, for God will help those who help themselves. Brother Daniel, if I were younger in years, and not broken down in health I feel I should like to visit your country and help you to sow the seed, but my labor in that line is about done. You are some younger and come of a hearty race; pelt away and by and by some young man will hear you and go to your assistance. The work will be durable.

I think it is a mistake to depend too much on the mushroom growth. It will not endure the heat of the sun, nor the scoffs of the world. The gospel, earnestly, faithfully and prayerfully preached and